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Estimated to be  
late November 2013  
Michael Overbay  
2/24/2014*

Gil Bujano, P.E., Director  
Oil and Gas Division  
Railroad Commission of Texas  
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Austin, Texas 78711-2967

Subject: Parker County Water Well Issues

Dear Mr. Bujano:

Thank you for attending the recent meeting of oil and gas agencies hosted by my Regional Administrator, Mr. Ron Curry. It was good to have an opportunity to speak with you and your colleagues on the important issues of such a vital sector of our regional economy.

One of the topics of discussion was the ongoing concerns of homeowners in southern Parker County about the presence of natural gas in a number of their private water wells, and EPA's request that you re-evaluate the situation. A recent conversation with a homeowner indicates as many as seven private water wells may now have high levels of natural gas, which, if confirmed, may indicate an expanded area of concern.

As you proceed to address the issues in Parker County, EPA is offering technical assistance. Our staff is available to participate in conference calls, field visits, and meetings with your Agency staff in order to assist in the development of potential solutions or options moving forward. We will also continue to forward to your office any relevant information we receive on the issue from homeowners, researchers, or other parties for your consideration and follow-up.

As you move forward in this endeavor, please feel free to contact me at any time at (214) 665-7150 to discuss this, or your staff may contact Mr. Michael Overbay of my staff at (214) 665-6482.

Sincerely,

Stacey B. Dwyer, P.E.  
Associate Director  
Source Water Protection